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Recipients of this year's business and community achievement awards at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce gala include, from left, Trevor Chaulk, Barb Bolin, Judith McNeilage, Gena Robertson, Dr. Katie Hammerschmidt, Joan Stinson, Allan Gordon and Brandi Hewson. The awards were presented at the Haliburton Legion on Feb. 23.

Angelica Blenich
Staff

Bolin named Highlander of the Year

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

It may not have been an Oscar, but Barb Bolin was feeling golden when she was named Highlander of the Year on Feb. 23.

The award was presented to Bolin at the seventh annual Business and Community Achievement Awards hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce at the Haliburton Legion.

The former principal of Fleming College Haliburton School of the Arts and active community member, Bolin was recognized for her artistic vision for the college and heart for volunteering.

"We can't think of anyone more deserving," said master of ceremonies Mike Jaycock.

Bolin credited the organizations she has been a part of and the people she's met in Haliburton County for making her life "so much fuller."

"Thank you very much for this," she said.

Apart from Fleming College, Bolin has been involved in the Haliburton County Development

Corporation, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, among other groups.

Other nominees included Hilary Elia, John Teljeur, Peter Brady, Katie Hammerschmidt and Jerry Walker.

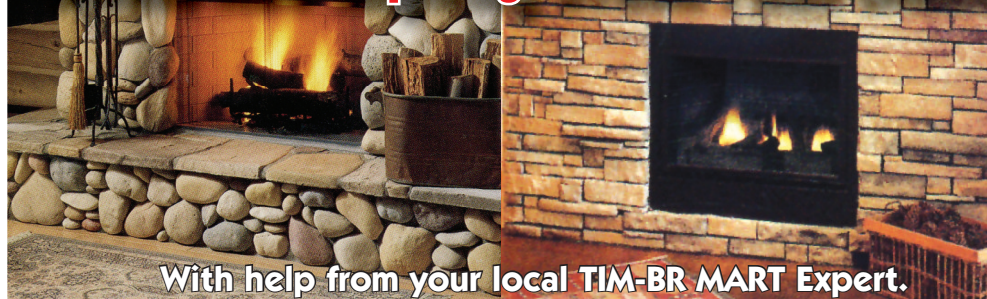
Teljeur was last year's recipient of the award.

The Warden's Award of the Year was presented by Carol Moffatt to the Haliburton and Minden health care auxiliaries.

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Devolin defends voting record

Lisa Gervais
QMI Agency

Local MP Barry Devolin has defended himself against an *Ottawa Citizen* report that tagged him as having the 11th worst voting record in the country.

The *Citizen* compiled a list of votes cast by each MP since the last federal election in May 2011 and found Devolin voted 424 times but missed 192 for a 68.8 per cent record.

However, the member for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock said he had only missed votes because he was sitting in the Speaker's chair.

Devolin is one of three MPs who can fill in for Speaker of the House of Commons Andrew Scheer, whose name does not appear on the list because he does not vote.

Devolin said he spent a lot of time in the Speaker's chair during last June's marathon budget filibuster in which there were many votes he missed.

"You can't have the speaker sit in the chair for 30 straight hours," he said of his role as deputy-speaker during that time.

"All of those votes that we did last spring, I missed all of them, something like 160 to 180 votes over a day and a half," Devolin said last Wednesday.

He noted that retired NDP MP and deputy speaker Denise Savoie was not on the

list but her appearance would have made it clear that deputy speakers do miss votes although they are very much in attendance for them. Deputy-speaker Joe Comartin, an NDP, voted 477 times and missed 139 for a 77.4 per cent rating. Deputy-speaker Bruce Stanton did not make the worst 30 list.

Devolin estimated that his other missed votes were also when he was in the Speaker's chair so "I was there but I wasn't voting."

Other than that, Devolin estimated that in nine years as the local MP he hasn't missed 10 votes in total. "I wouldn't be surprised if I had a perfect voting record or close to it" when not in the Speaker's chair he said.

Asked if he can effectively represent his

constituents while missing votes due to his deputy-speaker's responsibilities, Devolin said he is still a member of caucus who attends caucus meetings and believes he has an impact at the level. He adds that as deputy-speaker he carries more credibility and a higher visibility.

The report was sparked over Liberal leadership hopeful Justin Trudeau missing voting due to private speaking engagements and campaigning for the party's leadership. He voted 395 times and missed 221 for a 64.1 per cent record and fourth on the list.

The worst record belongs to NDP Romeo Saganash with 48.1 per cent while the best is York-Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan at 99.2 per cent.

Feature photo nominated for Ontario Community Newspaper Award

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Haliburton Echo staff reporter/photographer Darren Lum is up for an award from the Ontario Community Newspaper Association this year.

His photo of snowboarder Greg Foster standing with his board at the edge of a lake at sunset caught the judge's attention.

A nomination means the photo is in the top three. The rankings will be announced at the OCNA gala event on March 22 in Vaughan.

The *Echo's* sister paper the *Minden Times* was nominated for general excellence in its circulation class.

New director at Community Living

Cindy Sedore became Community Living's director of program services and quality in Haliburton as of Jan. 1.

Sedore has been working for Community Living for 20 years.

Originally from Haliburton, she chose her hometown for a placement while doing social services training out of Peterborough and was hired on.

She's been here ever since.

Sedore said she's motivated by the people served by Community Living, which includes those with developmental disabilities.

Examples of programming offered includes independent living supports and employment and community integration supports.

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Haliburton Highlands Museum appoints new director

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Kate Butler can tell you a thing or two about Celtic history.

The 32-year-old is one of the newest faces in town, recently being appointed director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum.

Butler recently moved to the area, but has been frequenting the Highlands since she was a child.

"I've always had a connection to this area; I was coming up here in the summers as a kid. This area's always been important to me," she said.

Butler replaces Tom Ballantine, who retired from the position after 27 years.

Born and raised in Toronto, Butler has always had an interest in history and a keen passion for academia.

A graduate of the University of Toronto with a degree in Celtic Studies, this field of study allowed Butler to delve into many aspects of history.

"It's interdisciplinary, so there was an element of history, archeology, art history, literature, languages – it was all of those things," she said.

Following her undergraduate degree, Butler spent four years living in Ireland, where she completed her masters of philosophy.

Living one hour north of Dublin, the lush, green countryside of Ireland proved to be an idyllic place to continue her studies in Celtic culture as well as work in her field.

"I ended up working in the heritage sector there and it sucked me in. I realized that this was something I really loved."

While abroad Butler worked at the National Museum of Ireland and the site of the Battle of the Boyne.

Upon returning to Canada Butler has continued to follow her passion for history, her most recent position at Gibson House Museum in Toronto.

A historic home that once belonged to land surveyor David Gibson, the museum's namesake has a connection to the Highlands, according to Butler.

"He did come up and survey around here, when people were first colonizing," said Butler.

Butler is also pursuing a PhD in folklore from Memorial University in Newfoundland.

Up until recently she had been splitting her time between Toronto and Little Kennis Lake with husband Anthony, a self-employed archeologist.

When she heard the director of the museum was retiring Butler kept her eyes open for a potential career change.

"I was just lucky that something in my area came up, it just seemed like a fantastic opportunity."

With an official start date of Feb. 19, Butler has joined the museum during a quiet time, allowing the director to get acquainted with her new surroundings.

She already has many plans for the future of the museum, including more programming and events over the next few months.

The director would also like to raise the profile of the museum and use Reid House more.

"We're looking to put some new displays in, change things up a little bit, take some things that we have in our collection and put them up ... some new exhibits and themes as well,"



Angelica Blenich Staff

Kate Butler has been appointed the new director of the Haliburton Highlands Museum, stepping into the role previously held by Tom Ballantine. The 32-year-old from Toronto has been coming to the Highlands for most of her life and is excited about the possibilities that lie ahead.

she said. "I'm looking at taking some programming into Reid House because it's a great space."

With a background and strong interest in folklore, Butler is also hoping to incorporate that into the museum.

"I want to remind everyone that this is a community museum. This is everyone's museum and we're telling the story of everyone in the area. We really want people's input, we want to hear what they want to see in the museum."

The director believes the facility serves to tell the story of Haliburton, which is a fascinating tale.

Opportunities to collaborate with the artistic community and other attractions, such as the Rails End Art Gallery, are something Butler would like to delve into as well.

"I'd be interested in working with local artists or musicians or whatever it may be to bring certain elements of our collection to life. I think that would be exciting."

A partnership with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and other cultural institutions within the county could also turn into an opportunity to tell the story of the county together.

"I've been very impressed with all the museums around Haliburton County. They're all different but they're all extremely interesting ... we're telling the same narrative, just different elements of it."

With an admiration for the area and its local history, Butler believes there is a place for a thriving museum in Haliburton Village

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I've always had a connection to this area; I was coming up here in the summers as a kid. This area's always been important to me.

— Kate Butler

burton Village

"It's just a question of building on the great work that's already been done, that's really my goal. Build on all the great stuff that's been done and build on the interest in the community in local history and heritage."

Closed for the winter months, the museum will be re-opening the first week of March and will be open full-time for the spring and summer months.

With lots to keep her busy in the coming months Butler possesses nothing but excitement and an upbeat attitude.

"I'm loving it up here, even in the middle of winter."



Angelica Blenich Staff

Above, Barb Bolin makes her way to the stage after being announced as the recipient of this year's Highlander of the Year award. Bottom right, Kris Kadwell, left, and Bethany Houghton perform live music during the seventh annual business and community achievement awards.



Haliburton County Warden Carol Moffatt, left, presents the Warden's Award to Joan Stinson, centre, and Judith McNeillage of the Haliburton and Minden health-care auxiliaries.



Behind-the-scenes volunteers honoured by warden

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Touting them as the "unsung heros of the county," the auxiliaries were honoured for their tremendous dedication to the health of the Highlands.

"I wanted to give the award to people who are quietly working away in the background," said Moffatt.

Through raffles, bake sales, silent auctions, tag days and gift shops, both organizations have contributed to health-care services.

"The Haliburton hospital auxiliary was founded in 1971 and its first purchase was a hair dryer. Times change though and their most recent campaign bought a vital signs machine. That shows you how far they've come," said Moffatt.

The Minden Health Care Auxiliary was founded in 2000 and has since raised more than \$300,000 for departments such as physiotherapy, acute care, emergency and

long-term care.

Minden auxiliary president Judith McNeillage and former president of the Haliburton auxiliary Joan Stinson accepted the awards.

"We're volunteers, we don't get a paycheque but we love doing what we're doing and it just gives retirement a whole new meaning," said McNeillage.

The award is selected by the warden to be presented to those who have made a significant contribution to the Highlands and is not a nominated award.

This year's winner of the Business Achievement Award was Haliburton Chiropractic and Massage Therapy.

Katie Hammerschmidt credited her "excellent team" for her businesses success.

The Customer First Award and Entrepreneur of the Year were both awarded to WAI Products Ltd., with owner Brandi Hewson accepting.

The Tourism and Hospitality Award was presented to Kosy Korner, where 85,000 eggs are served every year as well as 110,000 meals.

Owner Allan Gordon said a team effort is what makes the Kosy Korner what it is.

"I'm honoured to be part of the team," he said.

The Innovation and Creativity Award went to Minden Pharmasave.

The Not-for-Profit of the Year Award was presented to SIRCH Community Services.

Executive director Gena Robertson thanked the staff and more than 100 volunteers who make SIRCH work.

"For a county as small as ours we have amazing services," she said.

The New Business of the Year was Haliburton RPM while the Skilled Trades and Industry Award went to Chaulk Woodworking, the sole nominee in the category.

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I wanted to give the award to people who are quietly working away in the background.

— Warden Carol Moffatt on selecting hospital auxiliaries for award

Builders want more consistent regulations

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

More efficient communication and more consistent regulations amongst Haliburton County's townships are a couple of ways builders think the local construction environment could improve.

The county took the proverbial temperature of the local construction industry with a meeting at the Dysart Community Centre on Feb. 22.

"This is all very much your meeting," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, as she addressed some 50 contractors, tradespeople and business owners. "We have no expectation that we're going to be coming out of this with a list of things to do or how we're going to solve the problems."

Rather, Reid said, the intent of the meeting was to establish themes the group might want to follow up on and perhaps identify a few industry volunteers who could help the county with projects moving forward.



We rely on each other in our little community.

— Gary Burtch
G.J. Burtch Construction

Put on in conjunction with the Haliburton County Home Builders' Association, the meeting was facilitated by Malcolm MacLean, who got attendees to brainstorm ideas in groups.

Strengths of the local industry were identified as a pool of varied skilled workers, knowledge of the area and inter-



Members of the county's construction industry talked about challenges they face during a meeting facilitated by the county at the Dysart Community Centre on Feb. 22.

Chad Ingram
Staff

nal networking and support.

"We rely on each other in our little community," said Gary Burtch of G.J. Burtch Construction, emphasizing the purchase of local supplies and the use of local labour. However, Burtch noted one challenge is the ongoing loss of work to outside companies who can complete projects for less.

Some consumers, he said, would always go for the cheapest contractor regardless of where that contractor is from.

Each township having different building and zoning regulations was identified as a major weakness, as was a lack of communication between some members of the industry and poor self-promotion out of the area.

It was suggested more operators should become members of the home builders' association.

A failure to return the phone calls of potential clients was also identified as a major shortcoming.

"That's an internal problem that maybe you can do something about as a group or as individuals," MacLean said.

Other challenges identified by attendees included a lack of focus on skilled trades within the education system, a shortage of skilled labour during the busy season and issues with Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Board and Tarion, a corporation that licenses home builders and vendors.

Along with Reid were seven other municipal politicians, a total of two from each of the county's townships.

Not enough about debt in throne speech: MPP Scott

PC party critical of Premier Wynne's speech while NDP's optimistic about working with Liberals in the future

Jenn Watt and Galen Eagle
Editor, QMI Agency

With Premier Kathleen Wynne's first throne speech addressing issues such as youth unemployment, insurance rates and home health care while leaving out phrases such as "tax cuts" and "corporate incentives," the local reaction to the governing Liberals' road map suggests an NDP-Liberal budget is in the pipeline.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Progressive Conservative MPP Laurie Scott said her party could not support the throne speech because it lacked concrete plans to reduce government spending.

Scott pointed out that Wynne has already grown the government in her short time as leader by increasing the size of her cabinet by five.

"There was nothing specific about reducing government spending. Although she did mention debt and deficit a few times, there was really nothing about job creation," Scott

said.

"We've got a job and debt crisis. We need to turn the province around. It can't be done on this continued path of Dalton McGuinty-type government."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Liberal riding association president Paul Hough said his party is as concerned about the deficit and jobs as the PCs or NDP.

"We have met our deficit targets every year, unlike the federal government, and we remain committed to eliminating the deficit by 2017-18, which is the exact same timeline that Ms. Scott and Mr. Hudak campaigned on in the 2011 election," he wrote in an email to the paper.

"We need to eliminate the deficit, but we need to do it with a conscience. Ms. Scott and Mr. Hudak want to slash and burn our social programs and leave Haliburton seniors and families on their own. We're not going to let that happen," he said.

Hough defended the additional five cabinet positions, saying oversight is necessary in the legislature and MPPs haven't had an increase in salary for five years.

Local NDP riding association president Frank Mizzi saw the throne speech as an opportunity for parties to work together, though he is critical of the Liberals' performance in government.

"We're not an attacking party. We're trying to work with everybody. We're not pushing for an election," Mizzi said.

"One thing that bothers me was the fact that when

Kathleen [Wynne] was giving her speech she said ... she was glad of the way McGuinty ran it and she would like to run it the way he did. In all fairness, he did not do a very good job. It needs to be re-done right from scratch," he said.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath supported the minority government's throne speech, but has said she's waiting to see if the ideas introduced are supported in the government's budget.

Horwath said she wants to see auto insurance rates decrease, better social assistance and closure of corporate tax loopholes among other things.

Mizzi is particularly passionate about funding for Ontario Disability Support Program, which he wants better funded.

"They're taking away money from these people who don't have money to begin with. The money should be taken from corporate power ... than the ones who don't have money to begin with," he said.

NOTE: The presidents of both public school teacher unions - Ken Coran of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) and Sam Hammond of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) - both said they welcomed the new conciliatory tone in the throne speech.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Given their due

IT'S HARD TO believe that once upon a time, Haliburton did not have a Fleming College.

No school of the arts. No employment centre. No sculpture forest.

Not that long ago the arts didn't have much of a role in Highlands life at all.

This week, two key players in the history of the college were honoured for their work in the field.

Barb Bolin, former principal of Fleming College, and Carole Finn, one of Haliburton School of the Arts founders, were given their due.

From amongst a field of six incredible individuals nominated for Highlander of the Year by the chamber of commerce, Bolin was chosen in part for the work she did in her 36 years with the college.

At the awards gala Saturday night, MC Mike Jaycock applauded Bolin's role in growing the college through the years, noting the long list of volunteer positions Bolin has held, including the stewardship council, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Abbey Gardens and business incubator.

On Monday, just after this paper's press time, Carole Finn was set to receive the Queen's Diamond Jubi-

lee Medal for her foundational role in establishing HSTA.

When the artist first came to the Highlands in 1962 with her husband, there was next to nothing in the arts, she told the *Echo*.

A group of people including Finn, Karl Hanke and Jan Augustein came together with an idea for the school of the arts in 1965.

By 1969, Sir Sandford Fleming College had officially adopted the school as its own, after college president David Sutherland and Ontario

premier Leslie Frost had been convinced it could turn a profit.

Today the college has 13 full-time staff, 200 part-time staff and more than 3,400 students a year (180 full-time).

It's a leader in the arts, attracts thousands to the Highlands and is constantly innovating, creating new opportunities for students, artists and community members.

The happy coincidence that Finn's foundational work and Bolin's energies carrying the torch would be honoured within days of one another gives us the chance to consider how truly incredible this little school on the shores of Head Lake is.

And we have Finn and Bolin largely to thank.



Jenn Watt
Editor



Icy reflections

photo by Darren Lum

An outdoorsman's guide to preparing for spring

WITH THE OFFICIAL onslaught of spring less than a month away, it's time for every serious outdoors enthusiast to take some time to prepare for the season ahead.

After all, soon fishing and turkey hunting opportunities will abound and, if you are not fully prepared, you just might not get out as much as you'd like.

Though it has probably been written about hundreds of times in outdoors publications, I believe it bears repeating – that's right, first, you need to disable your rake.

Raking up all those leaves you left sitting on your lawn last autumn will take away far too much valuable fishing and hunting time. So go to the shed with a coarse rasp and do what needs to be done to the handle.

Next, of course, is the lawn mower. This is a tricky one. You don't want to disable it so much that buying a new one is seriously considered by your spouse. At the same time, you don't want it actually doing more than sputtering for 10 seconds before dying out.

Here's where it helps to know a good mechanic, one you trust enough to rent you a really bad spark plug that you can install when the bite is on.

Needless to say, all these malfunctions can be blamed on local wildlife. I typically blame porcupines for any damage inflicted on the rake and red squirrels for the lawn

mowers.

Also, if you are caught by surprise, it

never hurts to walk over to the shed and then, as soon as your spouse is watching, sprint back yelling "skunk!" This old ploy, combined with a liberal squirting of skunk cover scent, left over from deer season, will keep you and everyone else out of the garden shed for at least a day.

Of course, disabling the implements of leisure time

destruction is just part of the equation. You also need a plausible reason to take prolonged periods of time off of work. Here's where we're lucky this year.

There has been so much talk of the flu going around that all you need to do is mention a couple of symptoms in a phone call to work and you'll be encouraged to take a few days off until you feel better. Usually, I feel better just after the first big trout or turkey. Naturally, if the bite is really on you might have to suggest that what you thought was the flu is now suspected of being the bubonic plague, leprosy or some equally debilitating disease that will ensure no visitors from work. Head lice is a classic.

It sounds extreme I know, but trust me, if you go with saying that you lost digits in a pencil sharpening accident, as I once did, people ask questions on your return.

These tips are the basic tools in any sportsman's spring preparation. Now does anyone know a good lawn mower mechanic?



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Being wild

SAM WAS WILD. You wouldn't know it to see him. In fact George thought he was just another cat, a critter to share the house, eating and sleeping. But then George was a human and, let's face it, humans are pretty limited in their understanding of animals. Especially cats.

Granted most of the wild things Sam did happened at night when George was asleep. They also happened in a part of the house George tried to avoid as much as possible, namely the basement. Or as George referred to it – the black hole.

George and Sam lived in an old house built when basements were low and dirt-floored. Later homeowners added cement underfoot but George still had to stoop to move around. The spring runoff ran through it and the uninsulated walls were rough and uneven. George had added shelves to the walls for storing his mother's preserves. The basement also held the household garbage and recyclables that were stacked beside an ancient furnace. George had plans to buy a new furnace next year. But in the meantime this one sputtered and wheezed from time to time startling any unfortunate soul wandering around in the damp darkness.

Sam had learned to ignore the sounds. He was more interested in the many opportunities for wildness that the basement provided. First and foremost were the mice. Mice can

get into just about any space and when winter beckoned, they sought out shelter and storage space. The fact that George's basement was old, dark, cramped and musty mattered not at all to the mice. And thank goodness for that, thought Sam.

Mice provided Sam with many hours of watching, waiting, pouncing and eating. George had no idea what a great job Sam did as the house mouser because George never saw any mice. Talk about keeping your light under a barrel! However George had learned early in life that humans were not interested in gifts of dead mice. So he simply cleaned up the evidence of his talents.

The basement also provided Sam with opportunities to exercise mind and body. Humans did not think cats had minds, let alone the need to stimulate them. Typically George assumed Sam went through his feline life on a kind of automatic pilot. Eat, sleep, litter box. Little did he know.

Sam however knew that all cats were individuals with differing personalities and needs. He himself needed mental stimulation to stay on top of his game. Having heard about other cats that rarely strayed from the window ledge and ate out of boredom, Sam had decided from the beginning to not travel down that road.

Instead he used the basement with its shelves and piles of debris as a kind of personal gym for mind and body. He had to figure out what items would support his weight and what process would enable him to get close enough to the tiny basement window to look outside.

From that vantage point, Sam saw the world on a completely different level. Feet, both human and animal, passed by. Sounds were louder as well and Sam had discovered that he rather liked the roar of snowploughs, the cries of raccoons and the sighing of the pine trees that lined the driveway.

Sam also benefitted from a good workout as he climbed, crawled and stretched about the jumble that was the basement. He had to admit that sometimes he pretended he was making his way through a jungle obstacle course of tree branches, cliffs and valleys.

Equally satisfying was the smells. While he was not as addicted to smells as a dog would be, still Sam enjoyed a nice variety of scents. The garbage was always interesting, as was the empty beer cases and last summer's gardening tools. But even without the addition of human storage items, the mice and insects that found their way to the basement walls and floors provided Sam with enjoyment. The insects, especially spiders, could also be quite entertaining in their own way.

Should it ever happen that Sam was given a chance to be outside instead of in, he would take it. The thought of wide open spaces where he could run all out, made his eyes sparkle in anticipation. And while he had a taste for mice, Sam knew he would really like to chow down on a finch or chickadee, given half the chance.

But alas, George liked birds. Not for eating, but for watching. So Sam knew he would have to restrict his wildness to indoors. Still, the mice were delicious.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road



pic of the past

O rder of the Eastern Star - front row, from left to right, Phyllis Hodgson, Aileen Curry, unknown and Charlie Rose. Middle row, from left to right, unknown, Edna Burke, unknown, Annie Jones, unknown, Mary Walling and Maxine Curry. Back row, from left to right, unknown, Mrs. Wes Otto, unknown, unknown and Lorna Stinson. Submitted by Ed Burke.

letters to the editor

Delightful news

To the Editor,

It was with interest and delight that I read the article concerning the outstanding accomplishments of Mike Sawyer. Congratulations, Mike!

Many times over past years I have approached the *Echo* with the idea of highlighting numerous past graduates of our educational system who have gone on to pursue great endeavours and achieve great successes.

Such readings make us proud of these individuals who have Haliburton County "roots" and can inspire young people to follow their passions and dreams.

I can only hope that the article outlining Mike's achievements is the start of many more for *Echo* readers to enjoy.

Roy Hoare,
Essonville

Great job

To the Editor,

Had a blast at the polar bear challenge! Awesome job! See you next year!

Sandra Amme
Milton, Ont.



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Nancy Brownsberger
SIRCH

A very close friend of mine (Samantha) recently adopted, as a single parent, a six-year-old daughter (Justine or J-girl as I like to call her).

Through our many long distance phone conversations walking through the adoption process together we have talked about a multitude of things, most specifically Samantha's experience as an adoptive parent and the subsequent reactions of those around her. As a social worker and also an adopted child myself this experience as shared through my dear friend's eyes has been a journey I cherish and learn through almost daily.

It was several weeks ago that Samantha said something

to me that has continued to resonate deep in my heart and I feel compelled to share it with you. As Samantha navigates the system of social workers, school boards, play therapists along with her own personal support system she understands that others see Justine in different ways. Some see behaviour, others see brokenness and sadly some see nothing but challenges. Discussing this one night, Samantha made an awe-inspiring comment about where she comes from on this; she told me that from the minute she met Justine she "saw her." This reference had to be explained to me, but is related to the movie *Avatar* where the characters say to each other "I see you" instead of I love you. (It has the same meaning but much, much deeper). She saw Justine for the beauty that resonates out of her six-year-old little body; sees her where she is and not where she should be; sees her exactly in the moment and because of this it allows her a level of patience and understanding that she never before has experienced.

This is when it hit me.

In this month of love celebrated by some of us through Family Day and Valentine's Day we attempt to honour each other through gestures of love ... time together, gifts, cards and the like. Thinking deeper on this, can we actually say that we "see" those who we love? And can and does this extend to the greater work that we do on a daily basis when interacting with those in our worlds? Challenging thought, isn't it? To see each other provides hope and light where maybe there wasn't any before.

As an eternal optimist I believe that most of us do this, but maybe not as much as we like. So why don't we spend the month leaning into this and do our level best to fully "see" those around us, let the other stuff slide away. Because I truly believe that all of us share one commonality - the desire to be seen for who we are - it validates that our journeys are special and in turn so are we.

Happy February!

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This bird is a little too big for the feeder. Taken at Loon Lake on Feb. 15 by Mike Grinnell.



This photo of a barred owl was taken in the late afternoon of Saturday, Feb. 16 by Mogens and Inge Hansen.



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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea

Revisiting the winter woods

Winter has its charms.

Forget all that griping for a moment and think about that. This, after all, is the season that should capture the imagination of any Canadian outdoors enthusiast. It's what sets us apart from most of our southern neighbours. It's when we can throw snowballs, go ice fishing and strap on a pair of snowshoes – all in the same day.

Of all these, I enjoy snowshoeing most.

Before you blame this on a case of overly frozen brain, allow me to make my case.

First off, I like solitude in the outdoors. And there's no better way to find it than by putting your feet in a pair of snowshoes and stepping off the beaten path.

With these ingenious devices, you can find an accessible patch of woods and step into a world that has probably not seen a human since Christmas. Wait till fresh snow hits the ground and you won't have to go too far to see postcard-perfect vistas, breathtaking scenery and tracks etched temporarily into the snow. On the right day, you'll see everything from dainty mouse prints to the deep, cloven marks of passing moose. Combine that with mild temperatures, sunshine and a bright blue sky and you've got a surefire cure for cabin fever or the winter blahs.

If you are lucky, you'll also see enough things to gain a

new respect for the animals that live outside in the conditions that we routinely hibernate through. Sometimes, you'll just catch hints of their existence – perhaps a set of snowshoe hare tracks crossing a cedar swamp, maybe a bedding area where deer took shelter and caught a bit of sun. Or even fresh wood chips at the bottom of a tree where a woodpecker sought sustenance. Then, there are times that, with a quiet approach, you'll actually get to see those things that are hinted at – like a pileated woodpecker hammering a tree or deer standing still as you pass.

And then, I defy you not to stand there in awe.

The best part of snowshoeing is that you can go at your own pace. There's no reason to race as you meander through the woods. If you feel up to a strenuous pace; it's great exercise, go for it. If you are looking for a bit of quiet contemplation, slow down and take it all in. The winter woods is good for the soul.

If you bring a camera along, remember to keep it warm and dry on those really cold days and to experiment with exposure compensation settings because of the snowy backdrop – somewhere between +1 and +2 to start.

The best part of all this is that it provides much needed winter activity – something most of us are seriously lacking. That's one of my favourite reasons for taking to the woods.



Steve Galea Special to the Echo

This pileated woodpecker put on a great show in the winter woods.

Besides, spring will be here soon enough and who knows, when the black flies are biting, I might actually find myself missing winter.

Yeah right...

Signs coming to Rail Trail this spring

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county will be erecting a series of signs along the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

County roads director Doug Ray gave councillors an update on trail work at a Feb. 20 council meeting.

Four no trespassing signs will be put up in areas where trespassing has been a problem and 22 speed limit signs – one facing in each direction at the 11 municipal access points along the trail – will also be erected.

Information signage, which Ray described as billboard-type signage welcoming people to the trail and explaining regulations, is to be constructed at the County Road 1 parking area, Richie Falls Road and the county's boundary with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

"We'll bring some of those designs to the next meeting," Ray told councillors.

Safety zones have been identified at a high-traffic quarry, Donald, the Gelert cemetery and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Signs denoting these areas will be put up, as well as bollards restricting ATV use near the high school.

"It's nice to see the progress coming from the working group," said County Warden Carol Moffatt, referring to the public input process on the Rail Trail that took place through 2011/12.

Ray said a signage policy for the trail would also be coming to council.

The signs are expected to be erected in May.

At Wednesday's meeting, council also approved agreements with the Haliburton ATV Association and Kawartha ATV Association for use of the corridor for 2013.

ATVs are permitted on the trail from May 1 to Nov. 30.

The county has budgeted some \$64,000 for work on the

trail this year, about twice as much as usual.

HATVA has also made a donation of \$5,000 worth of granular material.

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Angelica Blenich Staff

A team of eight dogs and musher makes its way through the course that looped all over the property at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre during the annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby on Feb. 23. More than five kilometres in length, the trails takes the teams of eight about 20 minutes to complete.

Haliburton derby leading the pack

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The change in date didn't stop participants from heading to the Haliburton Highlands for the 11th dogsled derby Feb. 23 and 24 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

Originally scheduled for January of this year, organizers Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready postponed it to allow for better winter racing conditions. And it was worth the wait.

Close to 70 teams travelled to Haliburton County from Ontario, Quebec and the northern United States.

The good turnout can be attributed to the amount of snow in Haliburton County, said Barb Bohlin of Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

"Our conditions are so good and people kind of know that," she said. The change in date had to be co-ordinated with the dogsled racing circuit before it could be confirmed, said Bohlin.

Participants at the derby compete for money and points, which are added to points earned at other accredited races to determine the top dogsled teams in North America. These top teams go on to compete for the national team.

The event is open to both purebred and other dogs.

The Haliburton derby has been accredited by the International Federation of Sled-dog Sports, International Sled Dog Racing Association and the Canadian Federation of Sleddog Sports.



Marty Gryciuk spins dog hair. Enrolled at the Haliburton School of the Arts, Gryciuk spins both wool and dog hair, which is free of dyes and is warmer than wool. Gryciuk was one of the local artisans on display at the derby.



Above, the 11th Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby welcomed huskies to compete in different classes.

Below, a team of eight dogs and musher makes its way through the course which loops all over the property at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.



County denied funding for aging bridge

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County has been denied provincial funding for repairs to the Head Lake bridge in Haliburton village.

Councillors received a rejection letter from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs at their Feb. 20 meeting.

"The province has reviewed the EOI [expression of interest] and we regret to inform you that the County of Haliburton is not eligible to move forward in the application phase of the MIII (Municipal Infrastruc-

ture Investment Initiative) program," read the letter from rural program branch manager Kristen Green.

The county applied for 90 per cent funding of the \$1.9 million project, or \$1,710,000.

Phase 2 of the ministry's municipal infrastructure funding made \$51 million available. Treasurer Laura Janke told councillors the ministry had not specified why the application was denied and was going to continue to contact officials there.

She'd been told it might take a couple of weeks for an answer.

"I find that peculiar," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen of the min-

istry's lack of explanation.

Dysart et al and Highlands East townships were successful in moving forward in the program while the county and its other lower tiers were denied.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid asked Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey and Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton why they thought their townships had been successful.

"We were shovel-ready," Fearrey said, adding that engineering work had been completed.

The Head Lake bridge, located on County Road 21 near Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, was built in 1963.

The bridge is concrete and supported by steel piles.

"The major deficiencies of the structure include undermined footings, cracked pier cap, substandard sidewalk, substandard handrail, severely rusted deck drains, leaking and worn expansion joints and an approach slab that has settled which directs water towards the structure," read a report from Janke.

The county has applied unsuccessfully for funding for the bridge in the past.

It has been identified as a project that needs to be completed within five years in bridge needs studies dating back six years.

West Guilford's Snow Shuffle scores

Jerelyn Craden
Special to the Echo

Spirits were high as 153 riders and guests filled the West Guilford Community Centre

on Saturday, Feb. 23 for a roast beef dinner, dancing to DJ Jamie Bacon, a 50/50 draw, and a vast array of prizes following a poker run and barbecue all part of Snow Shuffle, the centre's biggest and most important annual fundraiser. Headed up by West Guilford resi-

dents Lynn Morrison, Carm Sawyer and Dave Walker with the support of 20 volunteers, 150 sponsors, and participating cottagers, local residents, ATVers and sledders from Windsor to central Ontario - the Snow Shuffle was a huge success.

"The event's been going on for over 30 years," said Morrison. "This year we had lots of snow and a great turnout."

Sawyer added: "It's a great event, a great cause, and strongly supported by the community."

The West Guilford Community Centre is

dependent on Snow Shuffle to raise enough money to cover its operating costs and upkeep throughout the year.

"That includes the outdoor hockey rink and baseball diamond," Walker said. "The centre is open to the community at a low cost for everything from funeral services, weddings and MNR meetings, to bachelorette parties, classes and more."

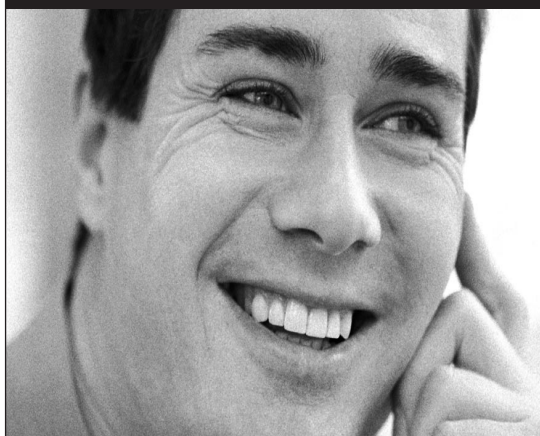
Gwenda Goode, resident of Little Kennis, said she intends to give part of her \$1,530 50/50 winnings back to the West Guilford Community Centre and to the community.



Jerelyn Craden Special to the Echo

This year's Snow Shuffle 50/50 winner is Gwenda Goode, second from left. She stands with organizers Carm Sawyer, left, Dave Walker and Lynn Morrison at the special dinner Feb. 23 at the West Guilford Community Centre.

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Thank you for your great support.

We would also like to thank Haliburton Wine and Beer for the donation of the team prize and Maple Moon and V&S for their donation to the individual prizes.

The event would not have been possible without the assistance of Miles Maughan and the Haliburton Fire Dept., Keith Thomas and the Stanhope Fire Dept., Mike Jaycock as the Emcee, Hank Bertrand and Dave Freeman of the First Student Bus Lines and Canoe FM who provided the announcement system

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Red Hawks' alumni shine in provincial event

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Maybe it's too early to throw words like legend around, but Red Hawks' alumnus Jake Walker is putting down the groundwork for a legitimate claim on the title.

Walker with fellow alumnus and Mindenite Ed Cyr and the rest of the Waterloo University Warriors curling team repeated as the Ontario University Association champs beating Trent University Excalibur 7-4 at the Guelph Curling Club on Feb. 18.

Walker, who led his team with an 80 per cent throwing efficiency, downplays the five points scored in the fifth end during the gold medal game against Trent University Excalibur.

Walker was proud of his team and said this end came down to just a few missed shots.

"We basically had one end where we were making everything. All it takes is for the other team to miss one or two

shots for things to take a turn for the worse for one team and take a turn for the best for the other and that's just how it happened for us," he said. "The best thing to do in any situation is when they miss make them pay for it and we made them pay for it."

The win ensures the Warriors a berth to compete at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport/Canadian Curling Association (CIS/CCA) University Curling Championships in Kamloops, British Columbia at Thompson Rivers University from March 20 to 24. Trent University and Carleton University will join the Warriors, as the OUA has three berths eligible for nationals.

The last Warriors' skip to repeat as an OUA championship titleholder was Glenn Howard, who is a curler of legendary proportions with a few world championships and Brier final appearances. Howard captured his OUA titles

between 1983 and 1985.

"That's a long time ago. It feels good to repeat for sure," Walker said. "Defending our title is almost better than winning it in the first place. Hopefully we can do it next year and three-peat like Glen Howard did."

Cyr has added confidence going into the nationals this year because of the repeat.

"Last year, winning it the first time was exciting because it was new. This time winning it to defend it makes us feel like we deserved it last year," he said.

Cyr's experience as a Warriors' swim team member made the win even richer, as his swim teammates were in the stands for support. He's been on this team for three years.



The Waterloo University Warriors head coach Scott Allen, skip, Jake Walker, third, Edward Cyr, second, Jordan Moreau, lead, James Freeman and alternate Nathan Ransom smile with the OUA Championship Banner after beating Trent University Excalibur 7-4. Walker's rink repeated as OUA champs. /Photo courtesy of Waterloo University and Matt Tonkin

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Confidence for nationals

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Walker shares Cyr's confidence this second go-around. He still remembers the Alberta Golden Bears in the national final and what could have been if not for an off game.

"We know what to expect. We know what the teams are going to be like. The team that beat us last year is going to be there again so they'll be a rival for us for sure. We just need to make sure we put it together when we play them," he said. "The last time we played them we went in with the highest percentage [of any] team there and just happened to have a very, very bad game when we played them, which was really unfortunate, unlucky on our part, so hopefully we can turn that around and not have that happen again."

Waterloo, who finished with five wins and two losses, lost the national final 7-1 to the Golden Bears.

Walker and Cyr's former high school coach Tom Dibblee, who has kept in regular contact with the pair through Facebook since leaving, saw the pair play the provincials on the Internet and was impressed by the OUA repeat.

Cyr said, "It's really nice to know he is still watching for us."

Dibblee, who heard from the pair after the semi-finals when they were assured of a national berth, wanted to be there to watch, but was billeting the Perth and District Collegiate Institute girls' curling team for the

Gore Provincial Championships hosted in Haliburton a week ago.

"What an exciting time for curling in Haliburton County! I am so proud that these two boys are still curling together as skip and vice on the University of Waterloo Varsity Curling team," he wrote in an email. "From Timbits at the Minden Curling Club to red hot Red Hawk curlers at the Haliburton Curling Club, they have always complemented each other beautifully. It is great to see them excel academically and athletically and continue to be a competitive force in curling."

The two earned a pair of all-provincial berths with two gold medals at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships in 2005 and 2007 as Red Hawks.

The winner of nationals will go as team Canada to play at the 2014 Karuizawa Invitational in Karuizawa, Japan in January.

The importance of winning at the nationals isn't lost on Walker, who was a Canadian junior champion and bronze medalist at the world juniors in Flims, Switzerland in 2010.

"I've done it before so I know what it feels like and it feels amazing. It's an honour and I really want to have that privilege again. It would be a true honour to represent Canada again," Walker said.

Note: The OUA first team all-stars included three Warriors: Walker as skip, Cyr as third (vice) and Moreau as second.



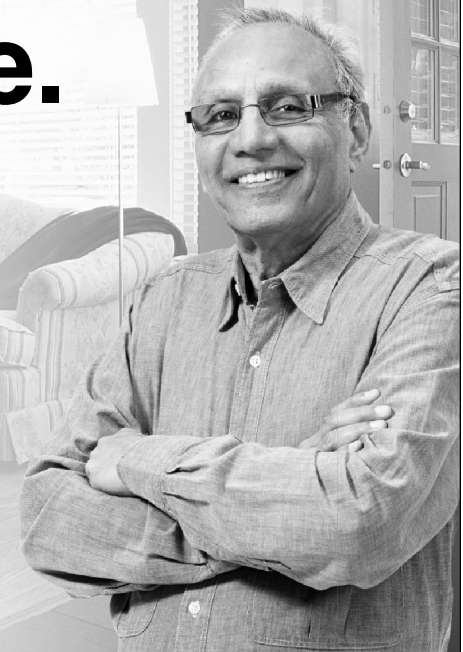
Red Hawks alumnus Jake Walker is looking to the nationals after repeating as the OUA champion with his Waterloo University Warriors' team that includes fellow alumnus Ed Cyr (on right). Walker wants to improve on last year's national silver to earn the right to represent Canada in Japan next year. /Photos courtesy of Waterloo University and Matt Tonkin



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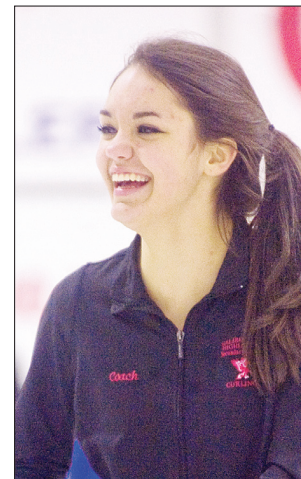
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Left, the Red Hawks girls' curling team Alyssa Denyer (also right), second, Emily Shapiera (also bottom), lead, Laura Pottier, skip and Holly Broderick, vice, who waves, appreciated the home town support at the Gore Provincial Championships at the Haliburton Curling Club on Thursday, Feb. 14. /Photos by Darren Lum



Hawks hold heads high after provincials

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

They may have come up short in the win column, but proved they belonged with the best in the province earlier this month at the curling provincials.

The Red Hawks girls' curling team (Laura Pottier, skip, Emily Shapiera, lead, Holly Broderick, vice and rookie Alyssa Denyer, second) relished the opportunity to play in front of friends and family at the Gore Provincial Championships from Feb. 14 to 16.

Community coach Scotty Boyd said, "they certainly were enjoying being on the ice. The camaraderie was really great."

Despite the 0-3 record, the team pushed the eventual championship winners (Perth and District Collegiate Institute) to the eighth and final end, losing 5-3 in opening day action.

"That made them feel that much happier knowing they took the top team to the last end and the last rock. [Perth] had to throw their last rock to beat us," he said.

The team's skip, Pottier was proud about pushing Perth to the brink.

"They ended up winning the whole thing so to be able to contend with them was really awesome," she said, adding

this game was not only the conclusion, but also the peak of the season for her team.

Besides game play and competitive achievements, Pottier will never forget her team, who came together for the first time this year and developed into a formidable group.

This was the first time the Gore provincials was held at the Haliburton Curling Club, less than 30 kilometres from the team members' home rink, the Minden Curling Club.

This winless record belies the aspects of play in the event and the enjoyment of the experience by the team, Boyd said.

"They were very close. They executed well. They were happy to get to the provincials and they did proud by not being curled off the ice. It was right down to the wire almost every game," he said.

Ice conditions for the competition were considered fast. The team adjusted after a couple ends in the first game to the "weight of the ice," Boyd said. He adds this ability to compensate is a tribute to their abilities.

Pottier, Shapiera and Broderick are all in Grade 12 and are not likely to return.

However rookie Denyer has the potential to be a future skip and learned from one of the best in teammate Pottier, Boyd said.

Pottier's composure on the ice during play is impressive whether things are going well or poorly.

"That's what makes her a great skip," Boyd said, adding she is always "cool as ice."

Pottier is quick to credit Boyd partially for this attribute.

"I think to a certain point I've always had it, but it definitely developed and become what it has through [Boyd's] coaching and the amount of games we play just through the season. Definitely [Boyd] is a huge part of that," she said.

Although a Grade 9 athlete, Denyer only learned to curl two years ago, and is making up for lost time. Boyd said she is on a mixed team and another girls' team.

Boyd, in true coach fashion, took pride in his team's achievement.

"It was the girls that made it for me," he said. "It was gratifying to see the girls come up from the regionals and get to [the provincial] level and then the rewarding thing was to see that they can curl at that level," he said.

The team's coaching staff this season included assistant coach Michele Shapiera.

Boyd though coached them all from the beginning. Pottier and Shapiera started with him in Grade 3 while Broderick started in Grade 4 and Denyer in Grade 7.

Pottier doesn't have any regrets and is satisfied with how things ended for her, Shapiera and Broderick.

"I think it was a great end to a great season and to our high school curling. To be able to go out at provincials was a good way to end it," she said.

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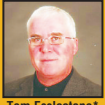
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- Call Drew for details.

Drew Bishop 457-2128 x 23



Buckslide Acreage \$26,000

- 5 acre parcel off year round municipal road
- Lightly treed with hardwood
- Level off road for good driveway access
- Level lot 5 minutes to Kushog boat launch and marina

Dagmar Boettcher 489-9968



Skyline Haliburton Lot \$39,900

- Level well treed lot - Great Value!
- 428 feet frontage w/electricity at road
- Close to Haliburton & Amenities
- Complete Privacy - Building Lot - RU1

Janice Brookes 457-2128 x 22



Kennisis Lake/Haliburton Forest \$239,000

- Walking/hiking trails, 5+ acres
- 5 mins to Kennisis/Haliburton Forest
- 3 bdrms, 2 bath, lower W/O, very priv
- Trails ideal for kids ATV/snowmachine

Gloria Carnochan & Cindy Muenzel 754-1932



Private Minden Home \$239,900

- Country setting with 3 acres/privacy;
- 3 + 1 BR, 2 Bath home with 2600 Sq Ft;
- Pool, hot tub gazebo & large deck
- Oversize att'd double garage/workshop

Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30



Shadow Lake Exclusive \$789,000

- Custom designed for the Ige family/group
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Tom Ecclestone 286-2138 x 26



Little Bob Lake \$369,000

- 3 bdrm 2 bath Viceroy home/cottage
- 1200 s.f. main flr plus unfinished basement
- Private flat lot with natural shoreline
- Less than 2.25 hrs to GTA

Lee Gauthier 489-9968



Beautiful Riverfront Home \$239,000

- Original hardwood floors
- Many recent renovations
- Big back yard
- Walk to all amenities

Ed Gibbons 286-2138 x 28



5 Lake Kashagawigamog Chain \$329,000

- 254 ft. frontage, well treed, great privacy
- Gently sloping lot, miles of boating
- Super location, minutes to town
- Old log cottage with lots of charm

John Hincks 286-2138



Salmon Lake Beauty! \$359,000

- Year round home; tranquil setting
- Sunset views; close to Kinmount
- Deep water off dock - clean swimming
- 3 BR; partial bsmt; high speed avail.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138 x 29



Miskwabi Lake Access \$174,900

- Totally renovated cottage
- New well, septic, windows, kitchen, bath
- Deeded access to awesome 2-lake chain
- Adjacent lot also for sale

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128 x 33



Halls Lake \$229,900

- 800 s.f. 3 bdrm home with full unfinished basement
- 10 foot deeded right of way to Hall's Lake
- Flat lot easy access off Highway 35
- Large living room and walkout to big deck

Valerie Kulla 286-2138



Country Road 21 \$239,900

- Full brick 1 1/2 story-attached garage
- Wheel chair accessible-paved drive
- Mostly upgraded windows- Awesome lot
- Lg lot excellent location for home based business

Denise LeBlanc 286-2138 x 23



Hunter Creek Estates \$109,500

- 2 bedrooms + den
- Large sunroom
- Double garage
- Propane stove

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Bat Lake \$749,900

- 4300 sq ft. executive home 3 Km from Minden
- 96 acres with waterfront access to Bat Lake
- Barn, Sugar Shack, Chicken coop, Wood shed
- Total privacy; ATV trails, canoeing and fishing

Gary Moffatt 457-2128 x 36



Burdock Lake \$399,900

- Beautiful 3 bedroom home
- Quiet spring fed lake
- Level private lot with 875 feet of frontage
- Large garage with 2 carports

Erin Nicholls 457-2128 x 34



Trooper Lake \$269,000

- 3 Bedroom winterized Cottage
- 3 Pc. Bath + Laundry Facilities
- Level lot, Sand Shoreline
- Easy Access to Snowmobile Trails

Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29



Green Lake Road \$249,900

- 2 bdrm bung. + den, new furnace
- 1.5 car garage, 2 sheds sitting on lrg lot
- On the water without the taxes
- Great sandy beach area, 5 mins. to W. Guilford

Dawn Poissant 457-2128 x 31



Outstanding Kashagawigamog Waterfront \$549,900

- Spectacular N/W exposure on Kashagawigamog Lake
- 3 bdrm/2 bath chalet style home/cottage
- Beautiful wrap around deck great for entertaining
- 1st time listed - Call Margie today for more details.

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Great Starter Home \$149,900

- Located between Haliburton & Minden
- Many recent upgrades
- Bunkie, single carport, storage shed
- Public access to the 5 lake chain close by

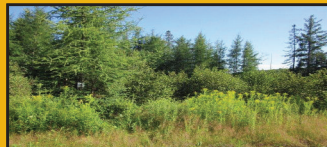
Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Sensational Soyers Lake! \$499,000

- Immaculate 4 bedroom and 3 bath cottage
- Fully finished walkout lower level
- Level lot, huge view, sand shoreline
- Attached garage and boathouse

Kim Stamp - 457-2128 x 24



"Stothart Creek" - Upscale Development

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- Rural setting
- Close to Village of Haliburton
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Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52



This Cottage Pays You! \$439,000

- Cottage rents for \$1400. Per week
- 3 bedrooms, full bath, open concept
- Sun all day, safe sandy shoreline
- Soyers Lake, on our 5 lake chain

Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128 x 27



Paddy's Bay, Kennisis Lake \$259,000

- 45 Acres fronting on 3 Roads
- Driveway In
- Level Building Site
- Southern Exposure

Melanie Vigrass 286-2138 x 32



Hunter Creek Estates \$98,500

- Affordable living in Adult Lifestyle Community
- Separate garage, and level lot
- 2 large bedrooms, 2 baths
- Newer appliances and several recent upgrades.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138 x 25



Acreage \$49,900

- 11.69 acres, year-round access
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Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25



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Club's love letter for Gore Provincials

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Curling Club is reflecting on a successful Gore Provincial Championships.

The tournament was held Feb. 14 to 16.

Although its president Rick Ashall acknowledges the positive feedback from officials, coaches and teams related to the fast, but consistent ice and the food, he said the club will "take a sabbatical for a year before considering what is next."

"It is great for the club and the town, the accommodation and food businesses. Hopefully, a few who had never heard of Haliburton may return at a future date for a vacation and experience the wonderful place where we live," he wrote in an email.

The club hosted the provincial championships for 16 teams with the best high school aged boys and girls across the province.

The boys' team of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School in St. Catharines won the Gore Trophy while the girls' team of Perth and District Collegiate Institute in Perth captured the Gore Crystal.

Teams earn their berth to the provincial level by competing in zone qualifiers and regional playdowns.

This was Haliburton's first time hosting the longest standing championship trophy for high school sports in Ontario. Gore Mutual Insurance Company has sponsored the event since the inception in 1948.

As host, the club was responsible for billeting all competing teams for the duration of the event and provided a banquet, including guest speakers.

The guest speakers were national curlers Chantal Lalonde and Danielle Ingliss, who inspired and encour-



Darren Lum Staff

Players, parents, officials and coaches spoke positively about how the Haliburton Curling Club hosted the Gore Provincial Championship from Feb. 14 to 16. The club billeted players, scheduled games and held a banquet.

aged the younger curlers with their stories about competing as bantams to representing Canada at international events.

"When this year's Gore Championships began we were proud to welcome you and your teams to the village of Haliburton, so proud to have you compete at the Haliburton Curling Club and so proud to have been entrusted to host this prestigious event," he said, summarizing clos-

ing remarks. "But with the event now concluded, it was you and your teams of whom we are most proud; proud of your team spirit and sportsmanship, proud of your smile and good humour, and proud of your players' current and future role in Canadian curling. We are so pleased to have had the opportunity to get to know your teams, you the coaches and you the officials."



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Highland Storm end year with a heartbreaker

And so it ends. As Smolen Dentistry's Peewee A team skated off with heads bowed low through the din of the Ennismore Eagles' celebration, so ends another year for the Highland Storm. And it was a heartbreaker.

After playing like ghosts the night before in a 4-0 loss that allowed Ennismore to tie the series at two games apiece, the do-or-die game five in Minden had all the makings of an absolute classic. Both teams came out flying but misfortune struck early as one of our star players was forced to leave the game within the first few minutes. Although Ennismore scored on the ensuing five minute power play, our boys responded to the adversity and put forth one of their strongest efforts of the year. Chances were traded at both ends, and our squad fought hard, having to kill off several penalties as Parker Smolen stood tall in net, once again.

In the second period, birthday-boy, Shawn Walker's shot from the point found the back of the net to tie it. Then in the third, the crowd erupted as Kyle Cooper curled to the outside and ripped a beauty, top shelf to take the lead. But with five minutes left, Ennismore rallied once again to tie it on the power play and take us into overtime.

And what a dramatic finish; at one end, it looked like we had it. As Ennismore scrambled in front of their net, our boys came ever-so-close to potting the winner, but it was not to be.

The same play moments later in front of our net brought a different result and Ennismore skated away victorious. It was a valiant effort but on this day it was not meant to be.

And just like that, it's over. And so too, the end of some

many little treasures that accumulate over a season: the long car rides through unexpected snow storms, the anxiety of parents when their child makes a mistake and the explosion of pride when they make a great play. The knowing glances from weary parents at late-night practices, the co-ordination of carpooling and sleep-overs following the game, the endless supply of quarters given to younger siblings in order to sugar-coat the negotiation of their presence, the high fives after a great play and the silent rides home after a tough loss. The hotels, mini-stick tournaments and late-night pool parties.

The texts back and forth to spouses in other towns in order to keep tabs on games several hours in the other direction, the endless discussions spent strategizing on how our team can play better and the tireless effort from our phenomenal coaching staff: Barry Boice, Kirk Cooper, Jim O'Neill, Ashley Walker and Tom Prentice.

The warm and unexpected support from friends, grandparents, uncles and aunts that come out to cheer our children throughout the year, the meeting and gradual relationships that develop after spending so many hours together at the arena, the badgering of officials who have THE most difficult and thankless job in Canada, the poutine and failed attempts at trying to eat healthy, the parents you meet from other towns that end up being just like you but from another perspective, the anxious moments before game time, the fretting over injuries and the encouraging words from other parents to your children.

The hopes and dreams dashed at one end as the other celebrates to fight another day. Small-town hockey is great, isn't it? See you all again next year as we do it all again!

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Please call to register @ (705) 457-1392, ext. 241 to help with planning

Please join us Wednesday March 13th from 1:30-3 pm at the Minden Diabetes Education Center.
We will be holding a "Drop In" to give everyone an opportunity to send along best wishes to Judy as she is retiring at the end of March. Also, enjoy a coffee or tea while checking out the latest updates and information in our department.

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Annual event was a huge success

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

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The annual Snow shuffle was once more a great success, the numbers registered up from last year. Registration began at 9 a.m. included lunch at Kushog Lake and a six o'clock dinner at the centre.

Many businesses offered prizes of winter gear and clothing, helmets and coats.

The dance later was in Jamie Bacon's hands, always a good choice for DJ.

Michael Sisson is now a resident of Extendicare. Visitors are always welcome. Other West Guilford people residing her are Ken Stevens, Carol Duncan, Ruth Bain and (connected to W.G.) Stella Walker.

A reminder of the memorial gathering in celebration of Carl Sawyer's life, to be held on March 2 at 2 p.m. and extending throughout the evening.

You may be receiving a call to ask for a food donation for the anticipated crowd.

Euchre scores for Feb 19: high - Liz Jesseman and Ray Campbell; low - Ann McIvor and Henk van Nood; most lone hands - Norma Geddes and Emile Duchene; specials- Peter Laplante and Bill Geddes.

Where are they now?

Elva Bates

Special to the Echo

And where are the employees of the former municipality of the township of Glamorgan 1967-2000?

Administration

Elva Bates, Clerk-treasurer/Tax Collector: retired from public life (see also The Years of Progress in Glamorgan Township). Sharon Stoughton-Craig: Administrative Assistant: C.A.O. Municipality of Highlands East. Gayle Bates, Administrative Assistant: Retired from public life. Darlene Riel, Administrative assistant: Real Estate Agent Bowes & Cox. Jacqui MacDuff, Administrative Assistant/Welfare Administrator: Deceased. Beverley MacDuff, Administrative Assistant/Welfare Administrator: retired from public life (see also The Years of Progress in Glamorgan Township). Cathy Graham, Administrative Assistant: Secretary Cardiff School (Trillium-Lakelands Board of Education). Shannon Hunter, Administrative Assistant: C.A.O. Burleigh-Anstruther-Chandos. Bonnie Pettit, Administrative assistant: Deputy-Treasurer/Tax Collector Municipality of Highlands East. Tracy Evans, Administrative Assistant: Postal Clerk Municipality of Highlands East. Michael Rutter, Clerk-treasurer/Tax Collector: Ministry of Government Affairs. Glen Madill, Clerk-treasurer/Tax collec-

tor: retired from public life

Building department

Ken Dovell, Building Inspector: Unknown. Bob Cain, Building Inspector: Unknown. Weldon McPhail, Building Inspector: Deceased. Joe Billings, Building Inspector: retired from public life. Dan Sayers, Building Inspector: Chief Building Official Municipality of Dysart et al

Roads department

Glen Graham, Road Superintendent: Deceased, Moss Graham. Machine Operator: Retired, Ivan Haywood, Machine Operator: Deceased, James Manley, Road Superintendent: Self-employed, Vince Billings, Road Superintendent: Deceased, Philip Billings, Machine Operator: Deceased, Rick Billings, Machine Operator: Machine Operator Municipality of Highlands East. Roads Department staff also included a number of part-time employees.

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Community remembers Harold Lewis

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Harold Lewis, a lifetime resident of Highland Grove died peacefully at home on Feb. 20. Mr. Lewis had celebrated his 99th birthday quietly with family and friends earlier this month.

Many gathered again in his honour at the Baragar Funeral Home in Bancroft

on Saturday, Feb. 23 and at the Harcourt Chapel on Monday, Feb. 25 for visitation and a funeral service.

A time of refreshment and fellowship followed the service.

Spring interment will be at the Deer Lake cemetery in Highland Grove.

Sympathy is extended to his wife Evelyn (Andrews), daughters Beverly (Arnold) Cooney of Midhurst and Barbara (Mark) Tomlinson of Haliburton, sons Wayne (Lorraine) of Coquitlam, David (Lois)

of Mississauga, and John (Michele) of Waterloo, sisters Hilda Doherty and Verna Anderson and all of his family.

He was predeceased by son Murray.

At the doors open games and tea time at St. Margaret's on Tuesday, Feb. 19 a fun round of the old favourite game Clue and some Crokinole were enjoyed.

Join in for a game or two next time on Tuesday, March 19 between 1:30 and 4 p.m. Or just drop in for tea and a cookie. It's free.

The Wilberforce Legion is always a busy place but last Saturday it was really a hive of activity. One of their fishing derbies was that day and we hear there were some fine catches.

It was also the place to be on Saturday evening for a surprise birthday party for Sheri Siebarth.

Family and friends from near and far gathered to celebrate with her on this special occasion.

Happy birthday, Sheri!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- **DATE:** Wednesday, March 13th, 2013
- **TIME:** 11:00am
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, 135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-13-002 – Patterson
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit construction of a one storey private garage on a property located in the WR4L zone:
 - a) A decrease to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a private garage to have a minimum rear lot line setback of 2 metres (7 feet) as opposed to the required 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - b) A decrease to the provisions of Section 3.30(c) to permit a private garage to have a minimum street setback of 1.5 metres (5 feet) as opposed to the required 7.5 metres (24.61 feet).
 - Location: Part Lot 19, Concession 10 in the geographic Township of Harburn (Haliburton Lake – Snowflake Trail).
2. D13-MV-13-003 – Metcalfe
 - Purpose and Effect: to permit 3 accessory buildings on a property located in the WR4 zone:
 - a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit a lot in the WR4 zone to have a maximum of 3 accessory buildings as opposed to the permitted maximum of 2.
 - Location: Part Lot 13, Concession 5 in the geographic Township of Harburn (Haliburton Lake – Hodgson Road).

ANY PERSON is entitled to attend the hearing in person to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by counsel for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

FURTHER INFORMATION: including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, is available from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Jeff Iles
Secretary – Treasurer,
Committee of Adjustment

Chase away those winter blahs with a St. Patrick's Day dance



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Legion Branch 624 held the annual public speaking contest at the Wilberforce Elementary School on Feb. 21. Back row, from left to right, Mary Dunne, president, Linda White, second vice, youth and education chairman, Ed Otto. Veteran Len Crawford and first vice Bob Brown. Front row, from left to right, Brooke Billings, Eric Morrison, Brayden Rogers, Desi Davies, Keisha Hughes, Carmen Galea and Chelsea Flynn. Submitted



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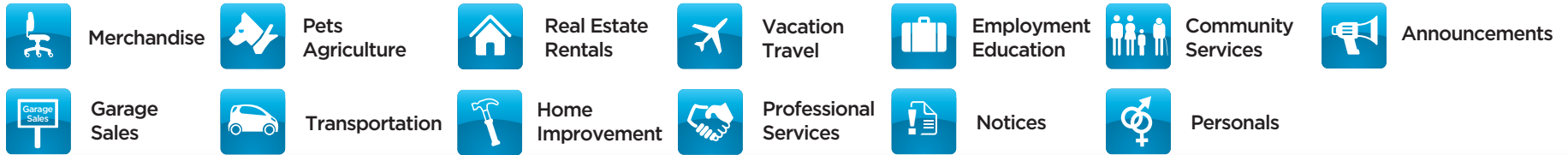
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GILES, Steven - 38 year Member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton - Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Thursday, February 14, 2013 with his loving family by his side. At the age of 69. Beloved husband of Marilyn (nee Ackley) of Haliburton. Dear father of Dwayne of Bobcaygeon, David of Haliburton and predeceased by his twin infant sons (1965). Grampa Steve to Steven, Zachary, Noah and great grampa of Jenelle. Son of the late Hilary and Jean Giles, son-in-law of Joyce McCabe and the late Ted Ackley. Dear brother of Caroline Shaw (Evan -deceased), Pauline Lapp (Bob -deceased), Margret Armstrong (Ron -deceased) Lois Roberts (Grant - both deceased), Helen Robinson (Jim -both deceased) Edna Nichol (Bob - both deceased), Shirley Sisson (Cleve - deceased), Tidy Giles (Myrtle -both deceased). Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, family and friends. In keeping with Steve's wishes, cremation has taken place. A Graveside Committal Service and Interment will be held at the Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 12:00 o'clock noon. A reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129 Haliburton (downstairs). Memorial Donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated and can be arranged locally through the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



NESBITT, Richard Leroy - In Loving Memory of Richard Leroy Nesbitt - Passed away peacefully at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Friday, February 15, 2013. In his 68th year. Beloved husband of Gloria, dear father of Scott, Wyatt and his wife Cindy, step-father of Gregory Stamp and his wife Donna, and Vincent Stamp. Loving papa to Sarah, Sterling, Walker and grandpa to Cole Stamp. Dear brother of Wendy and her husband Barry and uncle to Jason and his wife Allyson, and Jennifer. Predeceased by his parents Sinc and Loretta Nesbitt. Fondly remembered by his family and friends. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday from 5:00 until 8:00 pm and then on Saturday, February 23, 2013 from 12:00 pm until the time of the Service to Celebrate Leroy's Life at 1:00 pm. The family would also like to invite friends to join them on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 1:00 pm until 5:00 pm for a Musical Celebration and Open Jamboree for Leroy. Memorial Donations to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre Cancer Clinic or the Charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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Deaths



William (Bill) Elwood Schell

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of William (Bill) Elwood Schell on Monday, January 14, 2013 at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital. With his family by his bedside he passed away suddenly yet peacefully at the age of 76.

Beloved husband for 51 years of Marlene Schell (nee Barry), and cherished father of Ronna Hutchins and Tiffany Schell. He also leaves behind his son-in-law Tim Hutchins, grandchildren Travis and Allyssa Hutchins, sister Verley Randall, brother Les Schell and his wife Ruth, brother Richard (Dick) Schell and his wife Carole Anne, and a wealth of nieces, nephews, and friends. Bill was predeceased by sister Eileen Little, brother Mark Schell, brother Grenville Schell, sister Denise Sheffee, and sister Anne Schell.

Bill was born in 1936 at Eagle Lake, in Haliburton County, to Charles Warren and Sarah Ida (nee Sisson) Schell. The Schell family was involved in the logging industry and lived in a number of Haliburton area locations while Bill was a boy including: Eagle Lake, Haliburton, Cranberry Lake, and Redstone Lake. In 1947, when Bill was 11, the Schell's moved to Lake Kennisis (affectionately called 'Kennis' by Bill) where they remained for Bill's teenage years. Bill attended elementary school in West Guilford and high school in Haliburton. In 1954 he began working for Hay & Co., the company that employed his father and older siblings, and in 1958 he worked for his brother-in-law Wallace Little Logging. In 1960, while working for Wallace Little, Bill relocated to Huntsville where he laid down roots with his wife, had a family, and became a very active member of the community.

From 1976 to 1993 Bill served as a municipal councilor for the Town of Huntsville and a district councilor for the District of Muskoka. During his tenure he chaired and served on a number of committees, including the Planning Committee, the Committee of Adjustment, and the District Land Division Committee, where he was involved with the evolution of a community he had grown so much to love. Additionally, Bill was also involved in Protective Services for Huntsville, as the Fire Coordinator for over a decade, as well as Public Infrastructure projects, such as the Centre Street Bridge, where a plaque can be located bearing his name.

Bill worked on a number of local boards and organizations in Muskoka including: the Children's Aid Society, the Huntsville Lacrosse Association, the Algonquin Forestry Authority, the Locks United Church, Sportrec, the Fairvern Board, Presbytery, and Club 55.

Bill always had the best interests of the community at heart. As a differently abled individual he bore his setbacks with dignity and grace and never complained about his lot in life. Bill's sincerity, sense of humour, integrity, and dedication will be remembered and treasured by all who knew him.

A Funeral Service was held at Trinity United Church in Huntsville on Saturday January 19, 2013. The family would appreciate Memorial Gifts in honour of Bill Schell be sent to: the Heart and Stroke Foundation, the Fairvern Building Fund, or the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Arrangements entrusted to the Billingsley Funeral Home.

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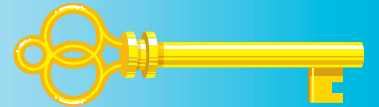
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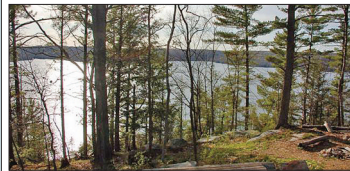
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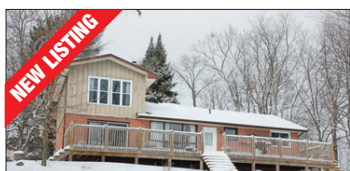
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\$359,000



MUST-SEE COUNTRY SETTING

Modern 3BR minutes from Haliburton! Open concept, FP, w/o to deck. Lovely 5+ ac property, spacious finished lower level. Lots of fantastic features.

\$339,000



LEVEL LOT-SAND BEACH!

Magnificent Haliburton Lake. 110' rippled sand beach. Perfect new cottage location.

\$329,900



HALIBURTON LAKE

Original 3BR cottage plus Bunkie on South Bay. Level lot & sand beach.

\$299,900



MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINDEN

Breathtaking view, Clean sand/rock shoreline. Level lot. Driveway in. Old cottage on site.

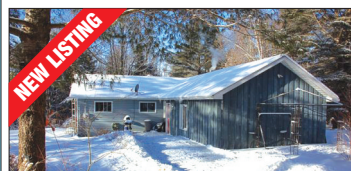
\$249,000



RIVERFRONT HOME/COTTAGE

Great location. Level landscaped lot, garage, cozy full fin bsmt, Lovely waterfront & access to Grace & Dark Lakes.

\$171,800



HOME ON 10 ACRES

Family/retirement home – no stairs. 4BR, open concept. Single garage/workshop. Pretty 10 acre property. Near Gooderham.

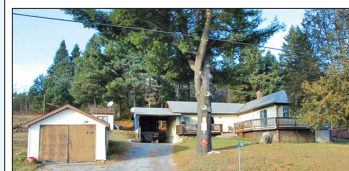
\$159,000



FEATURE-FULL HOME

R2000 Home in Gooderham. Bright. Full Bsmt, Insul Dbl Grg, generator & panel, alarm system & more!

\$157,000



VILLAGE VALUE

Convenient to Haliburton or Bancroft. 2+1BR, spacious living, basement, carport & more.

\$138,800



TIDY HOME - GELERT ROAD

Renovated 1+1 BR, 5 min from village. Full fin bsmt. Level lot, view of the lake. Ideal starter!

\$132,000



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OWN YOUR OWN!

Great little starter home. 2+1BR, 4pc. Full Bsmt, Dr. Well, Septic. Irondale.

\$118,000



GETAWAY TO THE GULL

8 acres/cabin on the hilltop with view! Several building sites. Great retreat, pretty location. 3km to Minden.

\$95,900



RESIDENTIAL LOT

With nice lot with driveway and site cleared. Upscale location with beautiful homes & walking distance to the village, high school & college.

\$84,900

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE THE BACKUP OFFER

QUESTION: I received an offer to purchase my home. I accepted and signed it. On Tuesday, another buyer offered even more money. Both want the house. What can I do?

ANSWER: You can accept an offer from a second buyer "subject to the nonperformance of the existing contract with the first buyer." The first buyer has a firm contract and will probably be the next owner. However, if anything goes wrong with the transaction, you can then obtain a release from number one and sell it to buyer number two. You are in the enviable position of having both a belt and suspenders.



IN RARE SITUATIONS, it is possible to accept a backup offer on your property.